

The above amendments to Claims 3-4, 6-8 and 10-11 add no new matter to the invention and are made to be placed in conformity with the rejections of the Examiner in the Office Action. No amendment was made to Claim 9, because Applicant could find no objectionable or rejected subject matter in that Claim, other than it being dependent upon a rejected claim. Therefore it is resubmitted without amendment in its original form, depending now from a proper Claim 8. Claims 1, 2 and 5 were allowed. Such amendments should thus place the amended claims in proper form for allowance and overcome the rejections of the Examiner based upon the Examiners indications in Paragraph 5 of such Office Action, including Claims 6 and 7.

CONCLUSION

The applicant submits that the above-noted amendments and remarks put the application in condition for allowance. Said Claims have been rewritten and the amendments made as noted and in accord with the Examiners suggestions.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections contained in the Office Action of April 7, 2004, and pass this application to issue. Applicant expresses his appreciation to the Examiner for Examiners attention and courtesy, especially in light of the very prompt office action response.

Respectfully submitted;


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